



Department of Homeland Security Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 18 April 2006

Current
Nationwide
Threat Level is

ELEVATED
SIGNIFICANT RISK OF
TERRORIST ATTACKS

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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: ELEVATED, Cyber: ELEVATED

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) – <http://www.esisac.com>]

1. *April 17, New Zealand Herald* — Old oil wells tipped to be geothermal power source.

Abandoned oil wells could generate enough electricity to power an entire city, according to a study from Crown research institute GNS Science. Temperatures at the bottom of about half of New Zealand's 360 abandoned on-shore oil and gas wells are above the critical temperature needed to produce geothermal power, says scientist Agnes Reyes. The rest had enough heat for direct industrial applications and geothermal heat pumps. After compiling an inventory of abandoned wells, Reyes realized the heat could be harnessed to potentially provide as much as 160 megawatts of electricity. Reyes believes there is so much untapped heat in sedimentary

basins and unused wells that it warrants a systematic evaluation in New Zealand. Momentum for harnessing this unconventional energy source has been growing steadily in the U.S. Geothermal energy potentially available from unused oil and gas wells in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, and Texas is estimated at five gigawatts of electricity. Other potential new energy sources include new wells drilled into on-shore areas, which could deliver 800 megawatts of geothermal power.

Source: http://www.nzherald.co.nz/category/story.cfm?c_id=82&ObjectID=10377659

2. *April 17, Reuters* — **Chad extends deadline for frozen oil funds release.** Chad has pushed back until the end of April a deadline for halting oil production in a dispute with the World Bank over frozen Chadian oil royalties, the government said on Monday, April 17. Chad had threatened to stop its oil output unless the World Bank released the funds or a U.S.-led oil consortium operating in the central African country paid out at least \$100 million. A Chad government statement said it would relax the deadline, originally set for midday Tuesday, April 18, because it had accepted a U.S. government offer to mediate in the dispute. The government said it had asked the companies involved in Chad's oil production -- U.S. oil majors Exxon Mobil and Chevron and Malaysia's Petronas -- to put the money directly in the state treasury account.

Source: <http://news.ft.com/cms/s/8b7100b2-ce00-11da-a032-0000779e2340.html>

3. *April 15, Ledger (FL)* — **Man killed at substation.** A man suspected of scavenging copper was electrocuted late Thursday night, April 13, at a power substation near a phosphate mining operation in Nichols, FL. The incident touched off a brush fire, said Sheriff's Office spokesperson Carrie Rodgers. The body was discovered at 10:20 p.m. EST. The victim apparently entered a gate to the fenced substation on property owned by the Mosaic Co. "We don't know if it was locked or not...We think he was there to steal copper wire," Rodgers said.

Source: <http://www.theledger.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060415/NEWS/604150373/1004/RSS&source=RSS>

4. *April 15, Philadelphia Inquirer* — **Russia no longer pulling its oil weight.** For most of the last decade, Russia, the world's second-largest oil producer and exporter, provided the extra supply needed to meet the world's growing thirst for oil. Now its production is flat, and the world oil market is drum tight. The timing of Russia's failure to expand oil production couldn't be worse, and experts differ on why it no longer can be counted on as a swing producer. Some say President Vladimir Putin is deliberately keeping production flat to keep prices high and expand Russian influence. Others think it's more the result of inefficient state-run oil operations. Either way, Russia's failure to boost production as anticipated is contributing to today's sky-high fuel prices. Andrei N. Illarionov, until December 2005 a top economic adviser to Putin, said "Americans as well as other consumers are paying the price for destruction by Russian authorities of the Yukos Oil Co....The destruction of Yukos... means less oil on the market. It means supply is less, and demand is there still. It means higher prices."

Source: http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/mld/inquirer/business/14347083.htm?source=rss&channel=inquirer_business

5. *April 14, Associated Press* — **Regulators weigh new electric pricing system for New England.** Federal regulators are considering a new electricity pricing system for New England aimed at promoting the development of new power plants in the region to meet increasing

energy demands. Supporters of the plan have asked for a decision by June 30 from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. The new plan replaces a federal proposal that sparked a region-wide controversy last year because it allowed power companies to charge more in high-demand areas where supplies are tight. Supporters of the current proposal said it would encourage new power plant construction, which the region sorely needs. The plan would create auctions where power plants would bid against each other to provide power. "This agreement is a critical step forward in the development of a reliable, efficient power system for the region," Gordon van Welie, ISO New England president and chief executive officer, said. ISO New England is the power grid operator for the region. Under the plan, ISO would predict the region's power needs for three years in advance and then hold auctions. The public utility regulatory agencies from five of the six New England states — Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Massachusetts — were "supporting parties" of the settlement.

Source: <http://www.dailynewstribune.com/localRegional/view.bg?articleid=72256&format=text>

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Chemical Industry and Hazardous Materials Sector

6. *April 15, Dallas Morning News* — **Contamination fears prompt evacuations and road closure following massive fire at Texas plant.** Thick smoke was visible for miles from a massive fire Saturday, April 15, at Precisionaire, an air filter manufacturing plant in Terrell, TX. No one was injured, but air contamination fears led to the evacuation of several stores and businesses and shut down nearby roads. The plastic material inside the plant "burns just like diesel fuel," Terrell Fire Chief Jim Harper said. Several propane tanks inside the building exploded, and the metal roof collapsed on top of molten plastic, making it hard for firefighters to reach the blaze.

Source: <http://www.dallasnews.com/sharedcontent/dws/dn/latestnews/stories/041606dntexterrellfire.3b545a10.html>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

7. *April 14, Reuters* — **U.S. sets stage for Boeing–Airbus tanker contest.** The U.S. Air Force has been cleared to resume a drive to phase out its Eisenhower-era aerial-refueling tankers, the Pentagon said Friday, April 14, setting the stage for a multibillion-dollar transatlantic competition. Chicago-based Boeing Co. and EADS, Europe's largest defense contractor, have been preparing to compete against each other to supply the tankers, used to refuel aircraft in flight. EADS' North America unit has partnered with Northrop Grumman Corp., headquartered in Los Angeles, to offer a derivative of the Airbus 330 in a push for what could be the European company's biggest U.S. defense contract yet.

Source: http://biz.yahoo.com/rb/060414/arms_usa_tankers.html?.v=3

8. *April 14, Air Force Link* — **Air Force committed to unmanned aerial vehicle development.** Unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) are successfully transforming the way the Air Force does

business, and the service is committed to supporting and developing more of them. Innovative UAV tactics have transformed the battle space as witnessed in Iraq and Afghanistan, said Major General Stanley Gorenc, Air Force deputy chief of staff for air and space operations, at testimony before the House Armed Services Committee subcommittee on tactical air and land forces Thursday, April 6. The MQ-1 Predator A is leading the way in reconnaissance and imagery, and the Air Force plans to meet the increasing demand by expanding mission capability to nine orbits and by growing that to 12 orbits by the end of 2006, said Gorenc. He also said the Air Force is working to develop a "family-of-systems" concept to manage smaller UAVs.

Source: <http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123018987>

9. *April 14, Washington Technology* — **General: Common commercial technologies can help military.** Most new cars have a fuel gauge that gives the driver an estimate on how many miles are left on a tank of gas. The fuel gauge is just one example of commercial technologies the military is looking for to increase efficiencies and promote jointness. The military has made great strides with communications and networking capabilities, but it's still a challenge to connect soldiers in the field, said General Benjamin Griffin, head of the Army Materiel Command.

Source: http://www.washingtontechnology.com/news/1_1/defense/28394-1.html

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Banking and Finance Sector

10. *April 16, Canadian Press* — **Holes in Canada's anti-terror, money laundering laws need fix.** Gaps in Canadian laws that are supposed to combat money laundering and terrorist financing must be filled — and fast, says a federal watchdog. Canada has fallen behind global standards and must get things cleaned up by next year, says a briefing by the head of the Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions, Nick Le Pan. Canadian rules on fighting these crimes will come under scrutiny next year from the Financial Action Task Force, which fights terrorist financing and money laundering. Fears about the possible misuse by money launderers of so-called "white label" or privately owned automated cash machines are prominent on a list of concerns raised by the federal Finance department. It's now floating several proposals for tightening Canadian laws related to terror financing and money laundering before the 2007 visit by the FATF. Finance officials "will be working with law enforcement and the industry to address the money laundering risks associated with 'white label ATMs'," says a Finance Department paper... "The concerns with these ATMs arise from the possibility for owners or operators to self-load the machine with cash," which could then be laundered by distributing the bills to ordinary users of the privately owned cash machines.

Source: http://news.yahoo.com/s/cpress/20060416/ca_pr_on_na/terror_financing_lapses_1

11. *April 15, Agence France-Presse* — **Thousands of British credit card details traded online.** The credit card details of thousands of Britons are being sold on the Internet by hackers intent on committing identity fraud. At least 400 credit card numbers are sold per day, along with other personal information such as dates of birth and mothers' maiden names. A credit card number fetches one dollar in Internet chat rooms, whereas a card with a three-digit code is traded for five dollars. Additional security information can add 10 dollars to the asking price

and a working personal identification number can raise the cost to \$175. The thieves were not just targeting consumers who bought goods online. Card Cops said it was aware of the details of 300 to 400 British customers a day at a conservative estimate. "We monitor hundreds of rooms but we don't see all the operators. These people go from one forum to another. It's a growing problem," Card Cops head Dan Clements said.

Source: http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20060415/tc_afp/britaincrimeinte_rnetfinance

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Transportation and Border Security Sector

12. *April 17, Seattle Post-Intelligencer (WA)* — **Sound Transit expands rail line.** In Washington, Sound Transit's initial light rail line is finally connecting to the airport. Funding problems, insufficient coordination with Port of Seattle airport expansion plans and complications of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks have stood in the way of bringing the initial link to its logical southern conclusion at Seattle's Sea-Tac Airport. Last week, Sound Transit and Port of Seattle officials signed the deal to build the \$244 million extension to the airport.

Source: http://seattlepi.nwsource.com/opinion/266767_railed.asp

13. *April 17, Independent Florida Alligator* — **Airport plane crash kills three.** Three people died after a small plane crashed into the Gainesville Regional Airport shortly before noon on Sunday, April 16. The small plane hit a sport utility vehicle parked near the west wall of the airport and then ran in to a 30-foot section of the west wall and a four- to five-foot section of the terminal wall, said Gainesville Police Department spokesperson Keith Kameg. The three people inside the plane, whose identities have not yet been released, were pronounced dead and moved to the medical examiner's office, Kameg said. After the crash, a small fire erupted that was extinguished by the Gainesville Fire Department and the airport's automatic sprinkler system. No terminal passengers were injured from the blaze, Kameg said. Gainesville police and airport security evacuated about 150 people from the airport.

Source: <http://www.alligator.org/pt2/060417airport.php>

14. *April 17, Associated Press* — **Dallas-bound American pilot was possibly drinking.** An American Airlines flight from Reno, NV, to Dallas-Fort Worth was delayed more than seven hours on Sunday, April 16, after a security screener reported smelling alcohol on the pilot's breath. Reno airport spokesperson Brian Kulpin says airport police ran a breath test on the pilot and the results came up negative — well within legal limits. A spokesperson for Fort Worth-based American Airlines says the issue remains under investigation.

Source: http://www.khou.com/news/state/stories/khou060417_jt_airline_s_alcohol.441f2b48.html

15. *April 16, Sunday Business Post (Ireland)* — **New security breach at Dublin Airport.** An investigation is being conducted into a security breach that took place at Dublin Airport on Tuesday, April 11. A member of the airport search unit is undergoing re-training after the incident in which a Department of Transport inspector passed unchecked through security screening after flashing an official badge. The inspector immediately notified airport authorities of a failure in vetting procedures.

Source: <http://www.sbpost.ie/post/pages/p/story.aspx-qqqid=13502-qqq x=1.asp>

16. *April 15, Aero–News Network* — **Lambert Airport opens new runway over protests.** St. Louis's Lambert International Airport opened its new Runway 11–29, its first in nearly 50 years. Proponents of the new runway who were present at the dedication on Thursday, April 13, hope the new runway will reduce weather delays and allow the airport to handle increased passenger demand. "Critical to continuing the region's economic momentum is an airport that is efficient, so the airlines can serve our growing demand for air service," St. Louis Mayor Francis Slay said. Critics of the project, however, say the airlines aren't responding to that "growing demand" fast enough to support a new runway. They cite current traffic levels at the airport that remain a third less than they were prior to 9/11. An entire concourse remains nearly empty, critics say, and a Federal Aviation Administration forecast says it will likely be after 2020 before traffic rebounds to pre–2001 levels.

Source: <http://www.aero-news.net/index.cfm?ContentBlockID=44e2366a-8722-42e0-8793-552c5faf8e5c>

17. *April 14, Baltimore Business Journal* — **Maryland train stations pilot security screening technology.** Maryland state transportation officials have moved a 20-foot-long security screening box from the Dorsey MARC Station in Howard County to the Hunt Valley Light Rail Station to demonstrate its mobility. The move is part of a \$1.24 million Transportation Security Administration (TSA) pilot project to test the feasibility of screening passengers at train stations. The project tests the speed, accuracy, and cost of the system, which runs off portable generators. If TSA finds the test program successful, the screening boxes may be installed at rail stations and stadiums. Similar technology is already used at airports.

Source: http://www.bizjournals.com/baltimore/stories/2006/04/10/dail_y33.html

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Postal and Shipping Sector

18. *April 17, DMNews* — **Congress questions USPS consolidation.** Four members of Congress have questioned the U.S. Postal Service's (USPS) criteria and public outreach in carrying out a program that involves consolidating some mail processing operations throughout its network, according to a letter sent to the Government Accountability Office (GAO). The USPS called the consolidation program vital and said that it is working to communicate the details to the public. Consolidation began last August, the USPS said, "and it really is a reaction to the continuing unfortunate decline in First-Class single-piece stamped mail," USPS spokesperson Gerry McKiernan said. The changes are part of the Evolutionary Network Development Program, which covers security, facilities, processing systems and transportation. The USPS plans to close some facilities and consolidate distribution operations. The lawmakers asked the GAO to follow up with another report that determines: 1. What criteria the USPS is using to analyze these plants? 2. How does it plan to communicate these criteria to affected parties? 3. How does the postal service's communications strategy target the appropriate parties, and does it provide sufficient information throughout the process? 4. How does the USPS plan to measure the effects of realignment including costs incurred and savings realized?

Source: http://www.dmnews.com/cgi-bin/artprevbot.cgi?article_id=3646_0

19. *April 17, Bloomberg* — **DHL Express to invest \$24 million for China office.** DHL Worldwide Express, the package-delivery unit of Deutsche Post AG, will invest \$24 million to build the headquarters for its express operations in Beijing. The additional funds will boost DHL's total investments in China, Hong Kong, and Macau to \$900 million, the company said in a statement on Monday, April 17. DHL, United Parcel Service Inc., and other package-delivery companies are expanding in China as Asia's second-largest economy ships more cell phones, electronics, toys, and textiles overseas and moves more cargo internally. United Parcel, the world's biggest package-shipping company, is investing \$500 million in China to increase staff to more than 3,500 with a fleet of 1,400 delivery vehicles in 75 facilities.
Source: http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=10000100&sid=ayiq_MFP_S9RQ&refer=germany

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Agriculture Sector

20. *April 17, Associated Press* — **Canada confirms fifth mad cow case in three years.** Canada on Sunday, April 16, confirmed a case of mad cow disease at a farm in British Columbia, the country's fifth case since May 2003. Inspectors have tested about 100,000 animals since Canada's first case was detected in Alberta and have said they expect to find isolated cases of the disease.
Source: http://www.latimes.com/features/health/medicine/la-fg-madcow_17apr17.1.2348067.story?coll=la-health-medicine

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Food Sector

Nothing to report.

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Water Sector

21. *April 17, Appalachian News-Express (KY)* — **State officials investigating Elkhorn City sewer leak.** Officials with the Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection are investigating the cause of a raw sewage leak that's located approximately 200 feet from the playground of a Elkhorn City school and approximately 300 feet upstream from a fish stocking area of the river. A Pike County resident reported the problem to state and federal officials last week after he noticed a strong odor in the John Moore's Branch and saw raw sewage escaping from an uncovered manhole near the river. After receiving the complaint that several manhole covers were missing from the system's collection line, Environmental Protection Field Inspector George Flora said he "walked the entire system" to find the reported sewage leak, which was located at the bottom of a hill near the Elkhorn City School's ball field. Flora said he gave city workers a verbal order on April 5 to fix the problem -- a manhole overflowing raw sewage material into the waterway -- within a 15-day time period.
Source: <http://www.news-expressky.com/articles/2006/04/14/news/02leak.txt>

22. *April 17, Los Angeles Times* — **Water shut to millions after landfill leak.** Water for nearly two million people was shut off for hours Sunday, April 16, after a landfill leak contaminated a river. The landfill in Kajang outside Malaysia's capital, Kuala Lumpur, leaked contaminants into the Beranang River, leaving ammonia levels in drinking water at three and a half times the permitted level, the official Bernama news agency said.
Source: http://www.latimes.com/news/printedition/asection/la-fg-briefs17.4apr17.1.5256940.story?coll=la-news-a_section
23. *April 17, Rocky Mountain News (CO)* — **Denver Water readies for flu pandemic.** They're stockpiling protective masks, latex gloves and hand sanitizer in case a flu pandemic hits Colorado. They're storing nonperishable foods, adding extra cots and planning to cross-train employees to do the critical jobs. This work is under way at Denver Water, a utility serving 1.2 million customers. Brian Good, director of operations and maintenance for Denver Water, has ordered 12,000 protective masks that would be distributed to Denver Water's 1,100 employees if a global flu epidemic, or pandemic, strikes. In addition, the utility just purchased supplies for 37 emergency kits to be stashed at water treatment plants and key pumping stations. Each kit contains first-aid supplies, duct tape, rope, flashlights and batteries, toilet paper, a cook kit and portable stove, a sleeping bag, and other gear that would be useful in any type of emergency — from a blizzard to a terrorist attack. The kits also contain masks, gloves and hand sanitizer added specifically for flu preparedness. Food in the kits includes ramen noodles, canned ravioli, canned fruit, raisins and jelly. Each plastic tub holds enough food to feed one or two people for three days.
Source: http://www.rockymountainnews.com/drmn/local/article/0,1299,DRMN_15_4626378,00.html
24. *April 17, KITV (HI)* — **Hazmat team begins Ala Wai cleanup.** A hazardous materials company has begun the process of cleaning debris from the mouth of Hawaii's Ala Wai Harbor. The state decided to hire the Hazmat crew after nearly 50 million gallons of raw sewage was dumped into the Ala Wai Canal last month. State Land Director Peter Young said concerns surrounding the death of one person who went into the Ala Wai after the spill, and a surfer who contracted an infection at a nearby beach, contributed to the decision. The specially-equipped crew is focusing on scooping out and disinfecting the garbage.
Source: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/12353731/from/RSS/>

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Public Health Sector

25. *April 16, Atlanta Business Chronicle* — **Centers for Disease Control to increase role, labs overseas.** The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is expanding its global reach. The government health organization is increasing its laboratory capacity overseas by adding new facilities and bolstering existing centers to better detect diseases like avian flu and even bioterrorism agents. The race is on to be prepared for these global threats as the CDC expands its "Global Disease Detection and Response Centers" around the world. By August, the agency aims to have completed expansions in China, Egypt, Guatemala, Kenya and Thailand. The CDC is also looking at other hot spots in South America and considering future additions

in Central Asia. CDC employees currently work in 46 countries. They're involved in everything from detecting the H5N1 virus that causes avian flu and testing different strains of HIV/AIDS to responding to disasters and bringing life-saving medicines to rural villages. In addition, they tackle global threats ranging from botulism to bioterrorism.

Source: <http://msnbc.msn.com/id/12350023/>

26. *April 16, Agence France–Presse* — **Bangladesh launches polio drive.** More than 600,000 volunteers fanned out across Bangladesh as part of a massive campaign to vaccinate 21 million children under the age of five and wipe out polio, officials said. Bangladesh, a nation of 140 million people, had been polio-free since August 2000 but a new case was identified in January in the south of the country. The 13-million-dollar immunization program began as parents took their kids to thousands of health centers set up across the country, Golam Kibria, the spokesperson of the health and family welfare ministry, said.

Global Polio Eradication Initiative:

http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20060416/hl_afp/healthbangladeshpolio_060416202852;_ylt=AkErWsFSiJgoQXe1cLr9Es.JOrgF:_ylu=X3oDMTA5aHJvMDdwBHNIYwN5bmNhdA--

Source: http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20060416/hl_afp/healthbangladeshpolio_060416202852;_ylt=AkErWsFSiJgoQXe1cLr9Es.JOrgF:_ylu=X3oDMTA5aHJvMDdwBHNIYwN5bmNhdA--

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Government Sector

27. *April 17, Detroit Free Press* — **Bomb threat empties Michigan courthouse.** A bomb threat called in from a pay phone prompted an evacuation of the Macomb County Circuit Court building in Mt. Clemens, MI, and the closure of adjacent streets about 10:15 a.m. CDT on Monday, April 17. Monday is the busiest day of the week at the courthouse, and a stream of lawyers, clerks, jurors, and secretaries began flowing out the doors of the courthouse moments later. Macomb County Sheriff Mark Hackel said bomb dogs from his department and another area department were doing a floor-by-floor sweep of the building. Other officers were working on tracking down the caller.

Source: http://www.freep.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060417/NEW_S11/60417002

28. *March 17, Government Accountability Office* — **GAO-06-385: Information Sharing: The Federal Government Needs to Establish Policies and Processes for Sharing Terrorism-Related and Sensitive but Unclassified Information (Report).** A number of initiatives to improve information sharing have been called for, including the Homeland Security Act of 2002 and in the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004. The 2002 act required the development of policies for sharing classified and sensitive but unclassified homeland security information. The 2004 act called for the development of an Information Sharing Environment for terrorism information. This report examines (1) the status of efforts to establish government-wide information sharing policies and processes and (2) the universe of sensitive but unclassified designations used by the 26 agencies that the Government Accountability Office (GAO) surveyed and their related policies and procedures. To provide for information-sharing policies and procedures, GAO recommends that the Director of National

Intelligence (DNI) assess progress, address barriers, and propose changes, and that OMB work with agencies on policies, procedures, and controls to help achieve more accountability. OMB said that once ODNI completed its work, OMB would work with ODNI and all agencies on additional steps, if needed. ODNI declined to comment on this report, indicating that the subject matter is outside GAO's purview. GAO disagrees with this assessment because it does not accurately reflect the scope of GAO's statutory authorities.

Highlights: <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d06385high.pdf>

Source: <http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-06-385>

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Emergency Services Sector

29. *April 17, U.S. Army* — USACE in last stages of Hurricane Rita recovery in southeast Texas. With less than two months before the official start of the 2006 hurricane season, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is well on its way to claiming full recovery of Hurricane Rita in southeast Texas. USACE announced Wednesday, April 12, that debris removal along resident curbsides was completed, and Orange County officials declared the area safe. "With the completion of Orange County, we are completely done with debris removal throughout the hurricane disaster area," said Colonel Steve Haustein, commander of the USACE's Recovery Field Office.

Source: http://www4.army.mil/ocpa/read.php?story_id_key=8847

30. *April 17, U.S. Army* — Iowa National Guard responds to tornado disaster. About 30 Iowa Army National Guard troops were called to duty Thursday, April 13, to help local police maintain security after a wave of storms blew through the eastern part of the state and a tornado hit in the heart of Iowa City. The troops worked through the night to provide security, control traffic, keep people away from dangerous areas and help assess damage.

Source: http://www4.army.mil/ocpa/read.php?story_id_key=8844

31. *April 16, Arizona Republic* — Special needs families in Arizona sign up for the new First Responder Smart Card Program. If police officers and firefighters swarmed his family's Scottsdale, AZ, home in an emergency, Todd Person might try to yell for help, but no words would come out. The autistic 21-year-old doesn't speak and suffers seizures. Since he looks like the average young adult, officers or paramedics unfamiliar with his condition could mistake his reactions as refusal to cooperate. To prevent that confusion, the Persons joined as many as 20 other special-needs families to register for Scottsdale's new First Responder Smart Card Program. The program is the first of its kind in Maricopa County and is being considered by communities throughout Arizona. The Smart Card program is geared toward people with cognitive or developmental disabilities, Alzheimer's, and other conditions that require special care.

Source: http://www.azcentral.com/arizonarepublic/local/articles/0416_smartcard0416.html

32. *April 14, Associated Press* — Pennsylvania to install cell tracking technology. Emergency officials in Cambria County, PA, said they plan to install technology allowing county 911 dispatchers to track where emergency calls are placed. The city of Allentown and nine counties

have such technology, but other counties do not — placing the Pennsylvania well behind the rest of the country in emergency response capabilities. About one-third of Pennsylvania residents live in areas capable of locating 911 cell phone callers precisely, according to recent data from the National Emergency Number Association. Only Mississippi, Montana, Oklahoma, Utah, Hawaii and Ohio fared worse. Almost a dozen states and the District of Columbia are completely covered by 911 cell phone tracking technology.

Source: http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/technology/AP-911-Cell-Tracking.html?_r=2&oref=slogin&oref=slogin

33. *April 14, Federal Computer Week* — **FEMA assesses its IT strengths.** The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will have a new information system for tracking the movement of ice, water and other supplies into storm-damaged regions in time for the next hurricane season, which begins June 1. But other communications and information processing systems that the agency needs will not be in place because of funding problems and insufficient time to review new systems, said Barry West, FEMA's chief information officer. West said a lack of interoperable communications among local, state and federal officials remains one of the biggest challenges for FEMA in responding to disasters. That problem probably won't be solved unless Congress steps in, West said. "It's going to take some legislation to mandate some standards."

Source: <http://www.fcw.com/article94080-04-14-06-Web>

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Information Technology and Telecommunications Sector

34. *April 17, U.S. Computer Emergency Readiness Team* — **US-CERT Technical Cyber Security Alert TA06-107A: Mozilla products contain multiple vulnerabilities.** The Mozilla Web browser and derived products contain several vulnerabilities; the most serious of which could allow a remote attacker to execute arbitrary code on an affected system. More detailed information is available in the individual vulnerability notes. See source for more details. Systems affected: Mozilla Web browser, e-mail and newsgroup client; Mozilla SeaMonkey; Firefox Web browser; Thunderbird e-mail client; Mozilla Suite. Note: Any products based on Mozilla components, particularly Gecko may also be affected.

Solution: Upgrade to Mozilla Firefox 1.5.0.2, Mozilla Thunderbird 1.5.0.2, or SeaMonkey 1.0.1. According to Mozilla.org, Thunderbird 1.5.0.2 is to be released on April 18, 2006. Users are strongly encouraged to apply the workarounds described in the individual vulnerability notes listed within the source until updates can be applied.

Firefox 1.5.0.2: <http://www.mozilla.com/firefox/>

Thunderbird 1.5.0.2: <http://www.mozilla.com/thunderbird/releases/1.5.0.2.html>

SeaMonkey 1.0.1: <http://www.mozilla.org/projects/seamoney/>

Source: <http://www.uscert.gov/cas/techalerts/TA06-107A.html>

35. *April 16, Business Record (IA)* — **High-profile computer breaches draw attention to security.** In December, an intruder breached the security of two Iowa State University computers containing encrypted credit card numbers of athletics department donors and Social Security numbers of more than 3,000 university employees. An investigation determined that the intruder hacked into the computers to store and distribute pirated movies or music. The

incident prompted efforts over the past four months to tighten security around sensitive information and a greater awareness among students, faculty and non-information technology staff that the threat of an attack exists and it is up to the entire university community to prevent another incident. Incidents such as the one at Iowa State have created greater awareness nationwide of the widespread threat of computer security breaches. According to a recent FBI survey of more than 2,000 businesses in Iowa, Nebraska, New York and Texas, nearly nine out of 10 suffered from a computer virus, spyware or other online attack in 2004 or 2005. Though most companies use security software, computer hacking techniques are also far ahead of what they were 18 months ago, according to Loras Even, managing director of RSM McGladrey Inc.'s Integrated Technology Solutions.

Source: <http://www.businessrecord.com/main.asp?SectionID=8&ArticleID=2656&SubSectionID=9>

36. *April 14, CNET News* — **Company warns on IE patch.** An Internet Explorer update released earlier last week can interfere with some applications, including Google's Toolbar, according to PatchLink, a maker of patch management software. Other applications affected by the Web browser patch include business software from Oracle's Siebel customer relationship management unit and certain Web applications that use specific versions of Java, PatchLink said Friday, April 14. The problems arise because of changes Microsoft made to how the Web browser handles Web programs called ActiveX controls. The modifications are designed to shield Microsoft from liability in a high-profile patent dispute with Eolas Technologies and the University of California.

Source: http://news.com.com/2100-1002_3-6061597.html

37. *April 13, eWeek* — **Microsoft's security disclosures come under fire.** Is Microsoft silently fixing security vulnerabilities and deliberately obfuscating details about patches in its monthly security bulletins? Matthew Murphy, a security researcher who has worked closely with the Microsoft Security Response Center in the past, is accusing the software maker of "misleading" customers by not clearly spelling out exactly what is being patched in the MS06-015 bulletin released on April 11. That bulletin, rated "critical," contained patches for a remote code execution hole in Windows Explorer, the embedded file manager that lets Windows users view and manage drives, folders and files. However, as Murphy found out when scouring through the fine print in the bulletin, the update also addressed what Microsoft described as a "publicly disclosed variation" of a flaw that was reported in May 2004. In an entry posted to the SecuriTeam blog, Murphy noted that the vulnerability that is documented was privately reported, but the "variation" that was also patched has been publicly known for 700+ days. "[The] information as published is extremely misleading and Microsoft's choice not to document a publicly reported vulnerability is not one that will be for the benefit of its customers' security," Murphy said.

Source: <http://www.eweek.com/article2/0,1759,1949279,00.asp?kc=EWRSS03119TX1K0000594>

38. *April 13, Washington Post* — **Terrorists' Web chatter shows concern about Internet privacy.** Terrorist groups, which for years have used the Internet and its various tools to organize and communicate, are paying more attention to addressing security and privacy concerns similar to those of other Web users, counterterrorism experts say. Recently, postings on jihadist Websites have expressed increasing concern about spyware, password protection,

and surveillance on chat rooms and instant-messaging systems. One forum recently posted a guide for Internet safety and anonymity on the Internet, advising readers of ways to circumvent hackers or government officials. "The Shortened Way of How to be Cautious; To the User of the Jihadi Forums, In the Name of Allah, the most Gracious and Merciful" was posted last month by an al-Qaeda-affiliated group calling itself the Global Islamic Media Front. The posting advised Internet cafe users to set up a proxy — a software program that erases digital footsteps such as Web addresses or other identifiable information — before Web surfing. "There's a lot of things like that," said Evan Kohlmann, a consultant on international terrorism. Last month, Kohlmann said, he found a jihadist Website posting pirated McAfee anti-spyware software, which the site encouraged users to download to avoid monitoring.

Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/04/12/AR2006041201968.html?nav=rss_technology/special/08

39. *April 13, All Headline News* — **Police identify author of 'Pretty Girl' computer virus.** The creator of the "Pretty Girl" virus has been identified as a 21-year-old student in Hanoi. The quick moving virus infected over 20,000 computers in Vietnam last week.

Source: <http://www.allheadlinenews.com/articles/7003169956>

Internet Alert Dashboard

DHS/US-CERT Watch Synopsis

Over the preceding 24 hours, there has been no cyber activity which constitutes an unusual and significant threat to Homeland Security, National Security, the Internet, or the Nation's critical infrastructures.

US-CERT Operations Center Synopsis: US-CERT is aware of an active exploitation of a cross site scripting vulnerability in the eBay website. Successful exploitation may allow an attacker to take various actions, including the following:

Obtain sensitive data from stored cookies Redirect auction viewers to phishing sites where further disclosure of login credentials or personal information can occur Create auctions that use script to place login areas on the eBay website, where credentials may be sent to a remote server with malicious intent

For more information please review the following advisory and vulnerability notes:

CA-2000-02 – Malicious HTML Tags Embedded in Client Web Requests.

<http://www.cert.org/advisories/CA-2000-02.html>

VU#808921 – eBay contains a cross-site scripting vulnerability.

<http://www.kb.cert.org/vuls/id/808921>

US-CERT recommends the following:

Securing Your Web Browser

http://www.us-cert.gov/reading_room/securing_browser/#how_to_secure

Malicious Web Scripts FAQ

http://www.cert.org/tech_tips/malicious_code_FAQ.html#steps

eBay Spoof Email Tutorial

http://pages.ebay.com/education/spoofutorial/spoof_3.html

US-CERT Cyber Security Tip ST04-014.

<http://www.us-cert.gov/cas/tips/ST04-014.html>

Cyber Security Tip ST05-010. <http://www.us-cert.gov/cas/tips/ST05-010.html>

Add "ebay.com" to the Restricted Sites zone in Internet Explorer.

Phishing Scams

US-CERT continues to receive reports of phishing scams that target online users and Federal government web sites. US-CERT encourages users to report phishing incidents based on the following guidelines:

Federal Agencies should report phishing incidents to US-CERT.

http://www.us-cert.gov/nav/report_phishing.html

Non-federal agencies and other users should report phishing incidents to Federal Trade Commissions OnGuard Online. <http://onguardonline.gov/phishing.html>

Current Port Attacks

Top 10 Target Ports	1026 (win-rpc), 56431 (---), 25 (smtp), 445 (microsoft-ds), 32768 (HackersParadise), 32459 (---), 6881 (bittorrent), 135 (epmap), 2633 (interintelli), 18517 (---)
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Source: <http://isc.incidents.org/top10.html>; Internet Storm Center

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at soc@us-cert.gov or visit their Website: www.us-cert.gov.

Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Website: <https://www.it-isac.org/>.

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Commercial Facilities/Real Estate, Monument & Icons Sector

- 40. April 17, Associated Press — School buses damaged by suspicious fires.** A series of fires that severely damaged three buses parked in Rockville, MD, is being called suspicious by Montgomery County investigators. County fires spokesperson Pete Piringer says the buses belonged to the French International School. The fires were reported shortly after 9:00 p.m. EDT on Sunday, April 16.

Source: http://www.wusatv9.com/news/news_article.aspx?storyid=48496

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General Sector

Nothing to report.

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